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SUBJECT:THE HORN: HOW TO INFLUENCE SIAD BARRE TO
WITHDRAWN

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1. WE EXPECT TO HAVE A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING AROUND NOON
ON THURSDAY TO DISCUSS FUTURE STEPS IN THE HORN. WE
BELIEVE THAT, WHATEVER OUR SHORT AND LONG-TERM
OBJECTIVES, THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT OF ANY VIABLE
STRATEGY IN THE HORN IS A PROMPT PUBLIC COMMITMENT
BY SIAD TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OGADEN, FOLLOWED BY
IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTING STEPS. YOU HAVE, OF COURSE,
PREVIOUSLY APPROACHED SIAD ON THIS SUBJECT YOURSELF
AND YOU HAVE SEEN THE STEPS WHICH WE ARE PREPARED
TO TAKE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SIAD WITH SOME MEASURE OF
SECURITY. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR ADVICE AS TO HOW
BEST WE CAN IMPRESS SIAD WITH THE URGENCY AND THE
SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW THIS PROBLEM.

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2. THERE IS REAL DOUBT IN OUR MIND WHETHER OUR
MESSAGE HAS GOTTEN THROUGH TO SIAD OR, IF IT HAS, HE
IS PURSUING SOME DEVIOUS STRATEGY DESIGNED TO DRAW
US FURTHER INTO THE SITUATION. IT OCCURS TO US THAT
WE MAY NEED TO REFORMULATE THE PROPOSITIONS WHICH
HAVE ALREADY BEEN PUT TO SIAD. WE MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE,

TELL HIM THAT WHILE AT THE MOMENT WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS DEFENSIVE ARMS AS SOON AS HE GETS OUT OF THE OGADEN, IF HE DELAYS IN THIS ACTION ANY LONGER WE MAY BE FACED WITH A SITUATION IN WHICH WE WOULD BE UNWILLING, OR IN ANY EVENT, UNABLE TO ASSIST HIM IN ANY MILITARY WAY. ALTHOUGH THIS MESSAGE MAY PERHAPS HAVE BEEN IMPLICIT IN WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY SAID, IT COULD BE REFORMULATED SO AS TO SOUND MORE LIKE AN ULTIMATUM. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFERING OTHER, NON-MILITARY, INDUCEMENTS, SUCH AS ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM OURSELVES AND OTHER WESTERN SOURCES.

3. THERE ARE ALSO VARIOUS CHANNELS IN WHICH A NEW, STRONGER MESSAGE COULD BE CONVEYED. YOU COULD GO IN TO SEE HIM AGAIN YOURSELF; YOU COULD DELIVER A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE; OR AN EMISSARY COULD BE SENT FROM WASHINGTON. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION.

4. ONE OF OUR CONCERNS AT THIS MOMENT IS THAT SIAD MAY BE IN A SITUATION IN WHICH IT IS POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO WITHDRAW. ALSO, HE MAY NOT SHARE OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE PERILOUS NATURE OF HIS MILITARY SITUATION, OR, AND THIS FEAR IS GROWING ON US, HE MAY ACTUALLY PREFER TO SEE AN INVASION OF
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SOMALIA, BELIEVING THAT THIS WOULD PRECIPITATE DIRECT MILITARY INTERVENTION IN HIS BEHALF BY HIS ARAB FRIENDS -- OR EVEN THE U.S.

5. DO YOU BELIEVE HIS ARAB FRIENDS OR IRAN COULD INFLUENCE HIM TO WITHDRAW? WE COULD MORE FORCEFULLY URGE THEM TO INTERVENE WITH BARRE.

6. ADDOU ASKED THE SECRETARY IF SIAD BARRE COULD VISIT WASHINGTON. COULD SUCH AN INVITATION AND A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, CONDITIONED UPON THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO WITHDRAW, BE AN EFFECTIVE INDUCEMENT?

7. FOR REASONS ALLUDED TO IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH, WE NEED YOUR ANSWER SOONEST BY NIACT. DO NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS ANY OF THIS WITH SOMALIS. WE ARE SEEKING YOUR VIEWS ONLY.
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